



**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: *Lyamichev et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/882,945  
Filed: 06/15/01  
Entitled: **NUCLEIC ACID ACCESSIBLE  
HYBRIDIZATION SITES**

Group No.: 1634  
Examiner: Chakrabarti

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 1, 2003**

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Sir or Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2003. This communication is being submitted within two months of the date of mailing of the Final Office Action in order to provoke an Advisory Action from the Examiner. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.